MRS, SELLS DEAD

Widow of Allan Sells Expires Suddenly Today.

Called For Help but Death Came More Swiftly.

HAD NOT BEEN WELL.

Recently Returned From Visit to Will Sells in South.

Supposed That Her Sickness Was Not Serious.

WAS CONSIDERED RICH

Left a Will But Provisions Are Not Known.

The Fortune is Probably More Than \$200,000.

Mrs. Sarab Anna Sella died this morning at 3:40 o'clock at her home, 717 Quincy street of heart fallure.

At 3 o'clock Mrs. Sells awoke and called to her companion, Miss Barbara Tauer, who was sleeping in the next room. She complained of difficulty in breathing. Dr. J. E. Fick, of Kansas City, who was visiting at the house, was called and he administered stimulants and a consulting physician was summoned but before he arrived Mrs. Sells was dead. She did not speck after calling her companion.

Mrs. Sells had not been in the best of health for some time but nothing serlous was anticipated, Mrs. Sells had but just returned from the south where she went to see the first performance of the season of Will Sells' circus at Savannah, Georgia, on April 6. She remained with the show for a few days and returned to Kansas City from Alabama. At Kansas City she was joined by Mrs. Blanche McClellan, an old time friend who used to live at the Chesterfield hotel in this city when Mrs. Sells managed it and lived there. Mrs. Mo-Ciellan was III after reaching Topeka and her physician, Dr. Fick was summoned from Kansus City and was to have returned there today with her.

On the train going to Georgia Mrs. Sells. was slightly injured by a collision. She was standing near her seat arranging her hat when the train ran into a freight. Mrs. Sells was thrown against the seat and her knee was injured. After returning from the southern trip Mrs. Sells was not feeling well and she summoned a physician who told her that she was worn out and needed rest.

Mrs. Sells was the widow of the late Allan Sells, one of the Sells brothers in the circus business. Mr. Sells was married to Sarah Anna White about 35 years ago. Her home was near Columbus, Ohio. At that time Mr. Sells was in the circus business and Mrs. Sells iraveled with him for several years and took a small part in the circus features. Will Sells, known as their son, was

and it is supposed that William Sells, son, will be named as the heir to her property. Mr. and Mrs. Sells had no children. William Sells has been telegraphed at Pratt City, Alabama, of the death of Mrs. Solls and Mrs. Emma White and Mrs. Rachal Colby, of Dayton, Ohjo, sisters of Mrs. Sells, have

MRS. SELLS' AGE.

Mrs. Sells is supposed to have been 62 sers of age at the time of her death. Although she had lived in Torocks for over than 30 years, still very few knew er intimately enough to know her age. The sells was a very large woman. She cas quite tall, standing about 5 feet 10 nches in height. Site was very fleshy, and probably weighed over 300 pounds. Her weight was a deficate subject with hor, and for years she had not been reighed. Mrs. Sells was a familiar figure in the streets. She drove a white horse in a low phastom. The horse was the one which Will Sells used to ride in the ring which Will Sells used to ride in the ring which Will Sells used to ride in the ring which will Sells used to ride in the ring which will Sells used to ride in the ring which will sells used to ride in the ring which will sells used to ride in the ring which will sells used to ride in the ring which will sells used to ride in the ring which will sells used to ride in the ring which will sells used to ride in the ring which will sells used to ride in the ring which will sells used to ride in the ring which will sells used to ride in the ring which will sells used to ride in the ring which will sells used to ride in the ring which will sells used to ride in the ring which will sells used to ride in the ring which will sells used to ride in the ring which will sell to ride the ride of MRS. SELLS' AGE.

WILL SELLS COMING.

A telegram was received at moon from Will Sells, who is with the Solis-Gray property and the funeral will probably not be held before Sunday.

Will Sells had considerable trouble in the circus business, both while he was a performer and after he became a manger. The Sells & Rentfrow shows, which he was part owner of, falled after a measure of solid business. Two years ago Mrs. Sells came to Will's rescue, and he was mabled to go into partnership with Gray, and for two years now they have had a allroad show on the road.

PROPERTY MAY GO TO GRANDSON.

Mrs. Sells left a will, which was drawn

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Mrs. Sells left a will, which was drawn
up several years ago.

The will is in the charge of P. I. Bonebrake, and is locked in the vault of the
bentral bank. It is not known what the
will contains, but it is generally supposed
that besides a few small bequests that
mrs. Sells bas left her fortune to Will
Sells son, who is about 12 years of age.
The grandson was a great favorite of the
air Alian Sells, as well as of Mrs. Sells,
it is supposed to have been the desire of
Alian Sells, that his grandson inherit the
state, and it is thought that Mrs. Sells
arried out her husband's wishes,

MRS. SELLS: DIAMONDS. MRS. SELLS' DIAMONDS.

Mrs. Sells owned a large number of hamonds, valued at several thousand lollars. She wore them occasionally to he theater and at home when entertain-

by that name near the Rock Island depot was named for him.
Wild SELLS COMING.

Ever Were Before.

DUE TO POLITICIANS

Who, He Says, Are the Lowest Class of the Inhabitants.

Tax Law Was Drawn Up by a Theorist.



Mrs. Sarah Ann Sells Who Died Suddenly Today.

watchmen keep a close guard over the house during the night. For a year or more Will and Al Hopkins have watched the house, and every evening before they went on duly on their beats they reported to Mrs. Sells, and every night about 2 o'clock they rang the front door bell, and awakened her, as that she might know that they were on duty and that no one was in the house. This morning P. I. Bonebrake took the casket of diamonds and jewelry to the Central bank vault for mare keeping. Mrs. Sells was a kindly disposed woman, and very often on rainy nights, early in the morning she would send for policemen and watchmen who were near her home to come to her house to warm and take some refreshments.

'University to the island had been much improved despite statements made by "a small element of the population in a spirit of pessimism." To this assertion of Dr. Rowe, exception is taken by Wenceslao Borda, ir., a member of the commission chosen by the planters', bankers' and merchants' association of Forto Rico to présent to the United States government the ideas of that organization regarding the state affairs on the island, particularly in connection with the Hollander revenue law.

"Our people are starving." said Me.

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about one-third of the actual value.

MADE FEW GIFTS

Mrs. Sells, although a wealthy woman, was not known as a giver, and in her life her donations were few.

At one time it was understood that she promised Dr. S. B. Alderson, then pastor of the First Presbyterian church, that she would do something toward clearing the church of debt it was supposed that she would pay half the indebtedness, but Dr. Alderson left town for another charge and the bequest was never made. At numerous times those never made. At numerous times those interested in public institutions in the city endeavored to get her interested. She always listened to filem but never aided any of them financially.

EXCURSIONS TO KAN. CITY

And Return by Santa Fe Route \$2.00 Account Odd Fellows' celebration. Tickets on sale April 25 and 26, good Chi returning April 28. Six trains a day in sas;

ment the ideas of that organization regarding the state affairs on the island, particularly in connection with the Hol- old Volumes Bring Big Prices at a southwestern Utah between Senator W.

Contract Wife Recognized.

San Francisco, April 25.—The Examiner says: Mrs. Clara Kluge-Sutro has secured from the representatives of the Adolph Sutro estate a recognition of the Adolph Sutro estate a recognition of the Adolph Sutro. In. aged 3, and Adolphing Sutro, aged 7 years. The settlement which is on the basis of \$150,066, has been agreed upon. The woman claims to have been the contract wife of the late millionaire mayor. It is intimated that she may secure the famous Clift house as he share of the state. Before his death Sutro executed a deed conveying to these children real estate in this city which was then estimated to be worth \$50,000.

No Consolidation.

New York, April 25.—President W. A Boland, of the Detroit and Chicago Traction company, desired the reports that negotiations are under way between his company and the Detroit, Ypsilanti & Ann Arbor street rallway looking to a consolidation of the two corporations, Mr Boland said: There is no truth in the report. We will enter into no consolidation and our road will be running to Detroit by the first of October.

Weather Indications. Chicago, April 25.-Forecast for Kan-

REVISITS AMERICA. M. Jules Siegfried Who Came Over in

Lincoln's Time. Washington, April 25.—The French ambassador called at the White House at 11 o'clock this morning and introduced to the president M.Jules Siegfried, formerly minister of commerce, industry and the colonies in the Ribot cabinet and also an official of long service in the

and also an official of long service in the French senate and in the chamber of deputies. M. Siegfried's visit to the president recalls the fact that during his last visit to American in 1861 he was received by President Lincoln and enjoyed a pleasant exchange of views with the president of that day. At that time the forces of the North were hurrying through Washington and M. Siegfried accompanied Gen. McCiellan in a review of the army of the Potomac. In the call at the White House today the president spoke in most friendly terms of the relations between this country and France.

M. Slegfried was seen later in the day and talked in an interesting manner on the purposes of his visit to this country. He said:
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the purposes of his visit to this country. He said:

"It come to look over the remarkable in the catenote in all commercial and industrial lines and to study economic matters, which are being developed. Naturally I am much interested in the extension of deminercial relations between the two countries. There seems to be no reason why our mutual trady should not be very largely increased with advantage to both countries. Moreover, it seems to mis possible so to addition of the very largely increased with advantage to both countries. Moreover, it seems to mis possible so to addition of the very largely increased with advantage to both countries. Moreover, it seems to mis possible so to addition of the countries of the farmer of production, the exitance of industry of production the relative produces and which the other does not produce. Therefore great opportunities for an increasing use in France of the American products of from the fullest measure. The prevailing sentiment in France is favorable to a protective policy although personally I am rather inclined to free trade. But in any event I am quite sure that some middle ground can be secured to the advantage of both countries. I am glad to say free the country of the advantage of both countries. I am glad to say free trained throughout France toward the united States. This is traditional with us, but there never has been a time when the feeling was more genuine than it is at present."

M. Slegfried was asked as to the recent reports that some of the European powers might unite in a commercial allowed. That might must be added to the countries of the advantage of the country when the struction of the advantage of the country when the structure of the countries of the advantage of the countries of the advantage of the countries of the countries

shipping.

He will remain in Washington until tomorrow when he starts on an extensive trip through the west, visiting the Carnegie works at Pittsburg and going thence to Chicago, Milwankes, St. Paul and many other points, returning by way of Canada to Boston and commercial centers in New England.

\$1,600 FOR A BOOK.

Boston, April 25.-At Libbies in selling the French library, the first of the Grolier club vellum books brought \$1,600, the top

price for a single volume. It was catallogued as "A decree of star chamber concerning printing, made July II, 1837. Reprinted for the Groiler club from the first edition, 1937. New York, 1844." Charles Scribner's Sons, the purchasers, also took several other volume copies of the Groiler books at record prices, namely the "Rubalyat of Omar Hhavyam, for \$1.100. Matthews" "Modern Book Hinding." \$200. Charles Reade's "Peg Woffington," \$200. Charles Charles Peach's "Peg Woffington," \$200. Charles Charles Groiler plantin, \$250. and the "Phillobibition of Richard De Burr." \$250. Seventy of the Groiler publications, including twenty-six catalogues of the club exhibitions, at \$2 each, brought \$7.-253. Outside of the Groiler club works more record prices were obtained. Goldsmith's "Vicar of Wakefield," a rare first edition, sold for \$210, to Little, Errown & Co.: Gautier's "Mademoisselle De Manpin" went to Dodd, Meude & Co., for \$20, and Garrett's "Elizabethan Songe" on Japanese vellum, for \$220. First editions of Hawthorne and Holmes brought figures higher than those at the famous Arnold sale in New York. Holmes "Autocrat." an autograph copy, went for \$250 to J. O. Wright, of New York: Herrick's "Hesperiden," first edition. \$220, to Geo. H. Righmond, of New York.

ONCE TOO OFTEN. Attempt Is Made to Extort Money by Letter.

Chicago, April 25.—A special to the Tribune from Morris, Ill., says:
An attempt to obtain 600 by a threatening letter was frustrated last night by Sheriff Johnson and his deputies. S. D. Holderman of Erienna township, a wealthy farmer, was the intended victim. At the appointed hour and place the officers secreted themselves and placed a dummy package in lieu of the money. The writer of the letter secured The writer of the letter secured the package, and in an attempt to ex-cape was seriously wounded. He gave his name as Warren Wayne and his home is in Indiana. He is about 60

IN JAIL FOR FRAUD. Americans Exacted Money From Ja-

maican Laborers Wrongfully. Kingston, Jamaica, April 25.—Ffank Fuller and Thomas Smith, Americans, have been sentenced to six months im-prisonment for having made false contracts bere with Jamaican laborers to work in Cuba. Fuller and Smith exact-ed passage money from each laborer with whom they made contracts.

Blow at Christian Science. Atlanta, Ga., April 25.—Judge J. H. Lumpkin of the superior court has dealt Christian Science a blow in Atlanta by Christian Science a blow in Atlanta by refusing to charler an institution for the treatment of disease by the Christian Science method. In his decision the judge says no person has the right to treat disease unless he is either a regularly licensed medical practitioner or will pass a complete examination before the state medical examining board. The decision has excited much interest here.

Western Contracts in Two Weeks Reach 200,000 Tons.

Almost All of This Amount Is Steel.

THE OUTPUT OF RAILS

Expected to Exceed Any Year

Since the Early Eighties. Trolley Line Building Growing

to Enormous Proportions.

Cleveland, April 24.- The Iron Trade leview, discussing trade conditions

SHORT LINE WINS:

way through southern Nevada and southwestern Utah between Senator W. Then came the boy's identification of Callahan and it was positive and abso-A. Clark of Montana and the Orego

interests, has been settled in favor of the Oregon Short Line.

According to a telegram received from Washington by General Attorney Wif-liams of the Oregon Short Line, the commissioner of the general land office has reversed the decision of the Carson City land office to the effect that the City land office to the effect that the claims of the Oregon Short Line and Utah Northern and the Utah Nevada & California roads were without merit, and recommends the approval of the maps filed by the Utah, Nevada & California road, organized two years ago in the interests of the Oregon Short Line. It was over this right of way that the construction for the Oregon Short Line and Clark interests have so nearly come into conflict. Vice President and General Manager Bancroft of the Oregon. General Manager Bancroft of the Ore-gon Short Line said tonight that the work of construction would continue to

MEET IN THE DARK. Strange Doings of a Holiness Church in Minnesota

St. Paul, Minn., April 25.—The Holy Congregational church at Woodstock is bringing to light the peculiar customs of a religious society which has been in existence there for some years, but which until the present has never re-ceived much public attention. The so-ciety has for its motto "Holiness Unto the Lord," and was originated by O. M. Brown, a blacksmith, who formerly re-sided in that town.

sided in that town.

Brown was an ingenious fellow, and, though without education, he possessed a strong influence over the people as gathered about him. Many persons of some prominence joined the ranks, among them L. C. Presler, a well-to-do among them L. C. Presier, a well-to-do farmer, and a member of the Congregational church, the board of investigation of which will soon take up charges against him. Presier became Brown's best pupil, and when financial difficulties entangled Brown and compelled him to leave town Presier became the leader of the sect, and in a short time could have given his former teacher pointers without number in religious peculiarities.

The members of the sect are nearly all members of some church, although most of them affiliate with the Congregational church. They hold meetings of their own, at which no one is allowed to be present except those known to be firm to the bellef. It is said that some of these meetings are held in the dark, and that those in attendance sit quietly until the spirit moves them to speak,

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ding or pray.

Presier is charged with bestowing the "holy kiss" upon Mrs. C. O. Gibson, a member of the flock. Each has a farr-ily. Presier says that he received an inspiration from God to kiss Mrs. Gib-

SPREADING RAILS

Cause a Serious Wreck on the C. H. & D. Railroad.

Dayton, O., April 25.—The south-bound Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton limited was badly wrecked nine miles north of Dayton near Johnson's station. The actident was due to spreading rails which caused the engine to leave the track and plunge into a ditch. Behind it the baggage car and smoker upended and fell into the ditch. Engineer Dooley of Lima was killed, as also was his fireman, Raymond McEiroy, also of Lima. Frank Weaver, brakeman, of Cincinnati, had his left arm crushed and was otherwise seriously hurt: George Thompson, baggage master, of Cincinnati, suffered severe abdominal injuries; Fred Colts, of Skiney, O., a passenger, was seriously cut about the head.

Twenty Banks at Osaka Suspend Payment.

Yokohama, April 25.-Over 20 banks have suspended payment at Osaka and in the southern and central provinces.

The Bank of Japan has assisted them but further trouble is apprehended. A financial panic prevails.

New York, April 25.—A. M. Townsend, local manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking company was asked for information today with reference to the failure of banks in Osaka. He replied:

We have no advice regarding these "We have no advice regarding these failures. They do not directly affect foreign trade as they are only small native banks. The financial position in Japan is strained and such failures are expected."

CUDAHY ON THE STAND

Boy Who Was Kidnaped Testifies Against Callahau.

Omaha, April 25.-In the trial of Jas. Callahan, for the kidnaping of Edward Cudahy at the opening of court this morning, young Cudahy told about the light man's return to the prison house about it o'clock on the night of the delivery of the money. He summoned the dark man to come down stairs, where they remained about half an hour. At the end of that time the light man came up stairs and told the prisoner they were going to take him home.

Edward told of the trip home, and of his being set down by his captors on Thirty-sixth street about a block north of the pest house. He said that while they were driving in, the dark man whispered to the light man and asked: "Is this Sarpey Mills?" and the latter replied "Yes."

The boy identified what appeared to be a section from the leg of an old pais of knit drawers and said this was the part of the blindfold that was left on him when he was turned loose and told to keep walking ahead till he came to Leavenworth street. morning, young Cudahy told about the

to keep walking ahead till he came to Leavenworth street.

Edward testified that he went back to the house two or three days later and recognized it. He said he knew it by the outside steps and the broken places into which he had stepped when blindfolded. He described the building and told its location.

The boy was asked about James Cal-

Fight Between Clark and Harriman

Won by the Latter.

Salt Lake, Utah, April 25.—The long local fight for the possession of the abandoned Oregon Short Line right of way through southern News through southern News the local fight for the possession of the abandoned Oregon Short Line right of Then came the boy's Montheastern of Then came the boy's Montheastern of the local feature.

Short Line, representing the Harriman | who put a pistol to your head and made

who put a pistor to your need and make you a prisoner, and who guarded you most of the time in the house and who walked down the street with you and bade you goodbye when you were released was one and the same person?" bade you goodbye when you were re leased was one and the same person? asked Gen. Cowin.

Pat Crowe and that Crowe called at Mrs. Kelly's were Callahan was living about 20 times between October 23, when the Kellys moved there and the time of the kidnaping. He said Crowe ulways came the same way and went in the back door without stopping to knock. Witness said he was working for Anthony Crowe, Pat's brother and Pat came there twice and that Anthony told him that it was Inspiration from God to kiss Mrs. Gibson. He is also charged with refusing
to give up about 50 letters written to
him by Mrs. Gibson. All of the letters
begin:
"Dear Brother Presler, the Holy man
of God," and wind up: "Yours in Jesus."

December 14, four days before the kidmarking.

WORSE FLOODS.

Higher Waters Appear to Be In Store For Ohio Valley.

Stage of Fifty-eight Feet Passed at Cincinnati.

RATE OF RISE GREW

During the Night Owing to Floods in Tributaries.

Situation Has Reached the Point of Great Distress.

Cincinnati, April 25.—The flood sit-uation in this part of the Ohio valley is much worse today. It was expected that it would reach its limit today here and up the valley and that it would not exceed 58 feet at Cincinnati or eight feet above the danger line. It passed the stage of 58 feet here last midnight, and the conditions for alread 200 units

the stage of is feet here hast midnight and the conditions for almost 200 miles up the river are equally as bad.

The rise here yesterday afternoon was at the average rate of one-half inch per hour, but during the night the average rate of rising increased owing to rising tributaries below the Kanawha, especially the Big Sandy, which had previously been falling. While the limit of the present flood may be reached today, it is feared that the new floods may keep the river about stationary, when there might be a second flood. The worst conditions are reported at Huntington, Cattlesburg, Ironton and Portsmouth and the smaller places in that district have reached the point of great distress.

Since midnight the Ohio river here has risen seven-tentils of a foot. The stages

Since midnight the Ohlo river here has risen seven-tenths of a foot. The states at noon was 58.7. As the river is still rising as far us as Catlettsburg and the Kanawha at Charleston is again rising the inference is reasonable that the rise here cannot be checked before tomorrow, by which time it may reach a stage of 60 feet or over. The weather here is clear. Contrary to expectations the Ohlo river is still rising slowly at Ironton.

MAHONING BREAKH ALL RECORDS Youngstown, O., April 25.—The Ma-

MAHONING BREAKH ALL RECORDS
Youngstown, O., April 25.—The Mahoning river this morning broke all tecords for high water, being 12 inches above the greatest flood ever known in the valley and is still rising an lach perhour. Through the city the river is a mile wide and has swept away everything loose within reach. The pumps at the waterworks have been working under water since last night and if breaks in the machinery occur, the city will be at the mercy of the elements. During the night the firemen were active with boats rescuing citizens from the submerged dwellings. The Pennsylvania freight depot is entirely surrounded by water and traffic is blocked until the floods recede. During the night a washout occurred on the Eric between here floods recede. During the hight a wash-out occurred on the Erie between here and Sharon and passenger trains are be-ing run over the main line from Shen-ango to Leavittsburg.

HELD RESPONSIBLE.

Judgment Against Railroad Co. in Two Important Cases.

St. Louis, April 25.—Because an employeremains in the employ of the company when he well knows that a risk is assumed by so doing, does not relieve the employer of the responsibility if accidents occur. This is the gist of an opinion handed down by the United States court of appeals in the case of the Southern Pacific company, plaintlift in error, against Katic Yeargin, as administratrix of the estate of T. J. Year-

walked down the street with you and bade you goodbye when you were released was one and the same person?" asked Gen. Cowin.

"It was the same man."

"The defendant mere in this case?"

"Yes, sir."

From this point on Callahan was referred to by name and no longer as the "dark man."

"Callahan."

"Callahan betrayed no emotion when the kidnaped boy declared he was one of the abductors, but a cynical smile played faintly over his features.

"The boy testified that Callahan's mustache was stubbler when first arrested than it is now.

At 845 o'clock Attorney Haller, for the defense began the cross-examination of young Cudaby.

The boy admitted that he had gons over the case with Gen. Cowin with reference to what his testimony would be. He again detailed the route traversed as nearly as he could tell. He admitted that the only direct view he had of the dark man's face was when he first at reproached him, and admitted that it had the only direct view he had of the dark man's face was when he first arrested than the only direct view he had of the dark man's face was when he first arrested than the only direct view he had of the dark man's face was when he first arrested than the only direct view he had of the dark man's face was when he first arrested than the only direct view he had of the dark man's face was when he first arrested than the only direct view he had of the dark man's face was when he first arrested than the only direct view he had of the dark man's face was when he first arrested that the only direct view he had of the dark man's face was when he first arrested than the only direct view he had of the dark man's face was when he first arrested than the only direct view he had of the dark man's face was when he first arrested than the only direct view he had of the dark man's face was defended to the view of the defendent of the dark man's face was when he first arrested that the was precipe and a half, instead of one the lower court was deadled to me and the late of the dark man's face was developed the

Callahan as he was of the identity of his father, or mother.

He thought it hardly possible for there to be another voice like Callahan's He said Callahan had a sort of a brogue, and gave a peculiar tirn to some words and sort of talked through his teeth. The boy admitted that he was not positive as to Callahan's identity at the close of the first interview in the chief's effice, but after a second sitting was positive in his identity.

The state made a strong point against Callahan, when John Rabbe, a young carpenter living about a block from Callahan's sister, Mrs. Kelly at Flity-fourth and Poppleton avenue, was called to the witness stand. He testified by knowing Pat Crowe and that Crowe called at Mrs. Kelly's were Callahan was living about 20 times between October 23, when the

GASOLINE LAMP EXPLODES

McPherson, Kan, April 24.—By the explosion of a gasoline lamp in the co-operative store at Canton Tuesday operative store at Canton Tuesday morning, two prisoners were hadly burned and a third, Bert Hubert, was so badly burned that he may die. Her-ry Wedel tried to fill one of the hunge when it ignited and in attempting to